

March 20, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, March 27, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A special meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2001 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of February 27, 2001 Minutes.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for	

their comments.

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

5. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the MAG Annual Report on the regional freeway system will be discussed.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information.

CONSENT AGENDA

*7. Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Errata Sheets

Each year during development of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and review by technical advisory committees, the TRC, Management Committee and Regional Council, several changes occur to projects, including some additions and deletions. The most recent copy of the Draft TIP is provided as a pdf file on the MAG website and includes the changes that have occurred during the development process up to the date specified. These changes are separately detailed as Errata Sheets as follows:

Errata Sheet 1 contains changes that are

*7. For information and discussion.

notified to MAG staff between the mailout of the Draft TIP to the TRC and the mailout of the Draft TIP to the Management Committee;

Errata Sheet 2 contains changes that are notified to MAG staff between the mailout of the Draft TIP to the Management Committee and the Committee meeting itself; and

Errata Sheet 3 contains changes that are notified to MAG staff between the Management Committee meeting and the Regional Council meeting.

These Errata Sheets are attached for your information, including the most recent version of Errata Sheet 3, which will be presented to the Regional Council at their March 28, 2001 meeting for approval of the TIP for a conformity analysis.

ITEMS TO HEARD

8. Interim Close Out of the FY 2001 MAG Federal Funded Program

Each year MAG closes out the FY 2001 federally funded program, starting in January and completing the process by August. MAG agencies inform MAG staff by March 1 of each year which projects they need to carry forward to the following fiscal year. A list of these projects is shown as Attachment One. Analysis of the federally funded projects expected to obligate during FY 2001 subtracted from the total of funds received by MAG during the fiscal year and combined with the amount of funds released by carry forward projects, results in the amount of uncommitted funds available for use during the closeout of the federal fiscal year. Finally, if all of the Obligation

8. For information and discussion.

Authority (OA) available to MAG is used, additional re-distributed OA may become available. A list of projects that could utilize the uncommitted or re-distributed OA and is shown as Attachment Two. Guidelines for the close out of the federal fiscal year were approved by the Regional Council in May, 1995 and were amended in March, 1996. Recommendations from modal committees are being sought for the projects submitted and will be forwarded to TRC members in May, 2000.

9. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Staff will provide an update on the development of the new Regional Transportation Plan. Three half day Expert Panel Forums have been held with two remaining, on March 23rd and March 30th. In addition, the MAG consultant will be conduct a telephone attitude survey and hold a series of focus groups in various areas of the region.

10. Governor's Vision 21 Task Force

Staff will provide an update on the activities of the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force. The Task Force was established to identify critical, long-range transportation needs in both rural and urban areas of the state. The Task Force's ultimate objective is to develop a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation "vision" for Arizona. The task force is organized into three subcommittees that are investigating current needs, resources and revenue; planning and programming processes; and governance issues. It is anticipated that the Task Force will be formally issuing its recommendations soon. These recommendations could have significant implications for MAG and its member agencies.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information and discussion.

11. CANAMEX Corridor Resolution

On November 1, 2000, the MAG Regional Council approved a resolution for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the MAG region. The recommended future designation included I-8, SR 85, and the ultimate Wickenburg Bypass. The resolution called for further consultation and study to identify a preferred route for the link from the SR 85 / I-10 junction to the Wickenburg Bypass. Additional consultation and consideration has now been completed and a resolution developed for the designation of the entire CANAMEX Corridor within the MAG region, to include I-8, SR 85, I-10, an alignment in the general vicinity of Wickenburg Road / Vulture Mine Road connecting to the Wickenburg Bypass, and the Wickenburg Bypass from its junction with Vulture Mine Road. Please refer to Attachment Three.

12. Possible Changes to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Development Process

Each year MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is required to list all projects funded with Title 23 federal transportation funds. Due to the status of the MAG region as being in nonattainment for air quality, the TIP also needs to include all regionally significant projects, regardless of the funding source.

The usual schedule for development of the TIP is shown in Attachment Four. Possible changes to the development process include:

- a. Combining the Management Systems report and application process for federal funds into one document;
- b. Starting the process up to two months

11. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve a resolution for the designation of the CANAMEX Corridor within the MAG region.

12. For information, discussion, and possible action.

earlier to allow for more review time within modal committees;

- c. Developing specific CMAQ guidelines for programming projects within the MAG region, including setting “emphasis areas” for future projects;
- d. Updating the CMS and CMAQ rating systems; and
- e. Review and revision to the process used to select projects to be funded with MAG CMAQ and STP funds.
- f. Reviewing the federal fiscal year closeout process and priorities.

It has been suggested that an adhoc work group be formed to review these and possible other aspects of the process and development suggestions on how to improve the process.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information.